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Police step up vigil at check-posts, screen vehicles entering Mysuru

SP Ryshyanth visits check points; asks personnel not to block patient-carrying and essential goods vehicles

Mysuru, May 14 (Akshay, KK&BCT)- With a spurt in COVID-19 cases, the District Police have stepped up vigil at all check-posts and toll plazas to keep an eye on persons trying to enter Mysuru.

They are screening all vehicles and questioning the occupants while non-transport vehicles and goods vehicles are let off to ease the supply of essential commodities.

Leading the drive is Mysuru Superintendent of Police (SP) C.B. Ryshyanth, who is personally monitoring the exercise by visiting various border check-posts of the district. Getting first-hand information from the personnel at the check-posts, the SP gives suggestions to the staff to better implement the lockdown rules.

Since the last two days, Ryshyanth has been visiting the check-posts near Yelwal, Bilikere-Hassan check-post at Bilikere, Hunsur Town check-post established near Agricultural Department, Koppa Gate near Kushalnagar that connects Kodagu, Bettadapura Gate that connects Hassan and different check-posts established at Periyapatna.

He took stock of the Police personnel and Home Guards who are manning the check-posts and asked them to ensure that only vehicles that adhere to the norms are allowed inside Mysuru and asked the staff to maintain a COVID-19 log book with details of the journey from the beginning of the trip till the end.

The SP has asked the personnel to note down the registration number of suspect vehicle, the name of the registered owner, contact number of the owner and driver, details of all travellers, place of commencement of the journey, and the final destination, in the vehicle movement register at each check-post.

He advised the personnel not to enter the road without wearing face shields, masks and gloves and also asked them to sanitise frequently.

The SP told them not to stop vehicles that carry essential goods but screen other vehicles that are entering Mysuru and if the vehicles are found to be violating lockdown rules, cases have to be booked. Violators can also be denied entry into Mysuru, he said.

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Ramzan celebrated

▶ Eid-ul-Fitr prayers offered at homes, greetings through phones

▶ Akshaya Trithiya, Basava Jayanthi too celebrated in city

Mysuru, May 14 (RK&KS)- Three festivals, Ramzan, Akshaya Trithiya and Basava Jayanthi, were celebrated in city this morning. But in view of total lockdown, these festivals were restricted to homes with ban on movement of people and crowded gatherings. With the second wave of COVID prevailing everywhere, Muslim brethren celebrated Ramzan by offering prayers at their homes.

While the festival is celebrated by meeting loved ones, greeting them and enjoying lavish feasts, the celebrations this year were limited to their homes and they greeted their relatives and friends over the phone.

Poor people were given groceries so that they too could celebrate the festival in their homes. As lockdown is in force, Mosques and Eidgah Maidans in city wore a deserted look this morning as no mass prayers were held.

A family offering Ramzan prayers on their terrace this morning.

Religious leaders had urged the community members to celebrate Ramzan by following the restrictions imposed by the State Government to fight the deadly Coronvirus.

(See RAMZAN on page 7)

Our stand on Chamarajanagar tragedy vindicated: DC

I am being targeted as soon as I took charge as DC, says Rohini Sindhuri

Rohini Sindhuri, DC

Mysuru, May 14 (RK&BCT)- Reacting for the first time to media on the report submitted by the three-member probe Committee to the Karnataka High Court regarding the Chamarajanagar District Hospital tragedy where 24 patients died on the intervening night of May 2 and 3 due to oxygen shortage, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri has stated that the Committee's findings vindicated the Mysuru District Administration's stand on the issue.

The Committee has given a clean chit to Mysuru DC and said that it was evident that the Mysuru DC had not in any way blocked the supply of oxygen cylinders to Chamarajanagar. "The Committee report is there for everyone to see and the truth has come out," she told reporters after participating in the Basava Jayanthi event at Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Circle near Gun House in city this morning.

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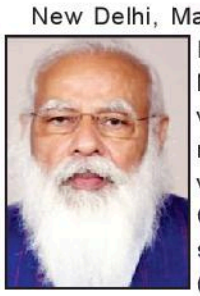
"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 14th May 2021

PM Modi likely to hold virtual meet with DCs on May 18, 20



New Delhi, May 14 (UNI) - Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold review meetings with Deputy Commissioners (DCs) of high COVID-19 burden districts over video-conference on May 18 and May 20 in the presence of the Chief Ministers of respective States.

The DCs of 46 districts from nine States would meet Modi on May 18 and those of 54 districts from 10 States on May 20, Government sources said. The meeting holds significance as the PM will get direct feedback from the ground situation.

The States to be part of the first virtual meeting will include Maharashtra, Kerala, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Odisha. Karnataka will be part of the second virtual meeting.

As per inputs, the Prime Minister will gradually interact with more officials by holding more of such meetings wherein NITI Aayog members are also likely to be present so that a comprehensive discussion regarding prevention of the virus spread can take place.

The meetings are being held in the backdrop of the massive second wave of COVID-19 holding India in its grip and more worryingly, hitting the interior rural areas in many States hard. These are areas where access to health resources is scarce and even a rapid scaling up of these resources is a difficult task. According to Government sources, the meeting would be to review how best resources could be used in such districts.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

COVID COMPULSION: ***Just this week I had the opportunity to talk to a city-based rickshaw puller who had booked a seat in a private bus which would take him to his native village in Uttar Pradesh. When I asked him why he was going, he gave me the obvious answer I had expected, referring to the sheer inadequacy of income to sustain himself in the city. But then he mentioned another reason why he had to go urgently, and this had to do with a wedding in the village. He had to attend it, he said, otherwise his relatives would feel upset with him. It did not help our conversation when I alluded to the risk of him contracting the Novel Coronavirus while travelling in a bus and later attending a wedding ceremony.***

He was not particularly interested in my concern that he must take every precaution, and especially make sure that he did not remove his mask during the journey and during the wedding ceremony. His response to my concern for his well-being reminded me of what the autorickshaw driver had said many years ago, namely, that the inevitable cannot be avoided. In this case, the inevitable was hardly a matter of fate. In fact, it is the wedding that was inevitable and therefore unavoidable, even if it posed the risk of getting sick.

My interlocutor also shared with me the feeling that the pandemic is mainly in the big cities and that villages are free of it. Apparently, despite being on WhatsApp, he had not heard about the surge currently being witnessed across rural parts of northern India. But the most interesting part of this conversation had to do with the mask. If the mask, a bit like boiling water, prevents an invisible microbe from entering the human body, it is a matter of faith for someone who has no idea of the world of invisible pathogens. — *Krishna Kumar in The Hindu*

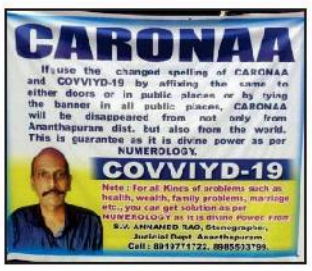
NEWS SPARKLERS

The last free Macaw in Rio de Janeiro

Rio: Juliet the macaw has been visiting the local Zoo in Rio de Janeiro to interact with others of her kind through the metal enclosure almost every morning for the past two decades. She is the only wild macaw in the Brazilian metropolis, and this is her only opportunity to socialize.

Macaws are social birds, so loneliness is a tough burden to bare for Juliet, a beautiful blue-and-yellow macaw who calls Rio home. She is the only wild specimen seen in city since 1818 and no one really knows much about her. Zoo staff named the bird Juliet, but they don't even know if she is actually female. It's really hard to tell with macaws and to establish her true gender they would need to capture the bird and either examine her gonads or take blood or feather samples. And there's really no need to put Juliet through all that stress just to satisfy human curiosity.

Bad spelling will cure the world from COVID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S.V. ANNANDD RAO, Stenographer, Judicial Dept. Ananthapuram.
Cell: 8919711722, 8985503799.

Ananthapuram: When scientists across the globe have been struggling to contain the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus for almost two years, one numerologist believes he can cure the world of this pandemic just with the help of bad spelling.

S.V. Annandd Rao, a stenographer and numerology hobbyist from Ananthapuram, Andrash Pradesh, believes that simply spelling "covid" and "corona" the wrong way can cure not only his home district, but the entire world of coronavirus.

"If u use the changed spelling to CARONAA and COVVIYD-19 and affix the same to either door or in public places or by tying the banner in all public places, CARONAA will disappear from not only from Ananthapuram dist. but also from the world. This is guarantee as it is divine power as per NUMEROLOGY," the banner reads.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Back pain is a serious and growing issue. 8 out of 10 of the world's population face back pain. The experience of back pain can be very complex. Many back problems are difficult to diagnose and typically involve a wide variety of treatments option. Myths and misconceptions on back problems persists and they are harmful than the problem itself. Here is a list of the common myths about back pain.

By Dr. Ravikiran - Consultant Orthopedics and Joint Replacement Surgeon

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**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

Serrapeptase is a powerful proteolytic enzyme. It is produced by silkworms to dissolve their cocoons. Serrapeptase works in the human body to dissolve arterial plaque as well as any non-living tissue, including blood clots and cysts. It works as an anti-pain and anti-inflammatory, much like aspirin, without the side effects.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	MAY 12	MAY 13
Day's Positive Cases	1,773	1,260
Total Positive Cases	1,04,227	1,05,487
Day's Discharges	882	1,249
Total Discharges	86,842	88,091
Day's Deaths	9	15
Total Deaths	1,355	1,370
Total Active Cases	16,030	16,026

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Govt. Employees Assn. demands vaccination of teachers on priority

Mysuru, May 14 (PM&DM)- The Mysuru District Government Employees Association has urged the Government to prioritise vaccination of teachers considering them as Corona Warriors.

In a press release, Association Vice-President Malangi Suresh, who is also the Honorary President of South Zone Primary School Teachers Association, said that teachers are engaged in COVID duty, working along with Doctors, ASHA workers and other health care staff.

Maintaining that several teachers have lost their lives, while some others have taken ill while on COVID duty, he urged the Government to declare teachers as Corona Warriors and vaccinate them on a priority basis. He also wanted the Government to take full care of the treatment of COVID infected teachers.

REALLY...?

- ***The basic principles of electricity generation were discovered during the 1820s and early 1830s by the British scientist Michael Faraday. His method is still used today: electricity is generated by the movement of a loop of wire, or disc of copper, between the poles of a magnet.***
- ***The first street in the world to be lit by electric light bulbs was Mosley Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, in 1879.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Blonde: *What does IDK stand for?*
Brunette: *I Don't Know.*
Blonde: *OMG, nobody does !?*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.36
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.12
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.95
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.79

VOICE OF THE READER

Vaccination and age calculation

Sir,

This is with reference to the letter titled ***"Odd age problem 44-45years"*** in *Star of Mysore* dated May 12.

As a Senior Consultant Physician, I wish to clarify the grey area between completed and incomplete years of age.

According to chronological age, starting from first birthday completing one year of age goes on every 365 days. Earlier I was Medical Examiner for LIC of India way back in the year 1968 at Udupi and subsequently at Mangaluru in 1975. Also in Mysuru during 1990s.

LIC, being part of Central Government, laid guidelines for age as follows: If a person completes six months after birthday, one year must be added to his age. If it is less than six months, age remains at last birthday.

In the present case, his age should be 45 years and eligible for COVID first vaccination at the centre of SMS confirmation, depending on availability of first vaccination. These issues must be addressed to the trainee vaccinator before sending them to Vaccination Centre. Also Health Officials should know thoroughly these practical aspects. During pandemic, restrictions of movements is priority and people should not be asked to run from pillar to post.

However, no one should panic about vaccination and must get it when available. One should be aware of prevention externally by following safe distance, wearing mask and sanitisation. I wish all, Best of Luck and Good Health during this pandemic.

— Dr. T. Balakrishna Achar,
Senior Consultant Physician
Saraswathipuram
13.5.2021

Property tax payment

Prompt service by MCC Commissioner

Sir,

This refers to property tax issues raised by me in 'Voice of the Reader' column in *SOM* dated May 4. To my surprise, the MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag somehow collected my contact number, she herself called me and checked up if the issue was being resolved or not.

It's great that the Commissioner took some time even under the current pandemic busy schedule in solving the issue.

Once again, I thank Shilpa Nag for resolving the issue of accepting the property tax for the properties having PID numbers situated at Vijayanagar 3rd Stage.

—K. Raghunath
Vijayanagar 3rd Stage
10.5.2021

Ministers to donate one year salary to CM's Relief Fund

Bengaluru, May 14 (UNI)- Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and his 32 Cabinet Ministers will donate their one year salary to COVID-19 relief fund.

The Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR) has issued this order based on Yediyurappa's direction. The donation is with effect from May 1.

The salary money will be used for relief measures and other efforts to combat the second wave of the pandemic, which has wreaked havoc.

Last year also Yediyurappa had donated his one year salary towards containment and management of COVID-19. His monthly salary is Rs. 50,000.

Besides salary, the Chief Minister and Ministers get a sumptuary allowance of Rs. 3 lakh, house rent of Rs. 1 lakh, fuel allowance for up to 1,000 litres, conveyance allowance of Rs. 30 per km, Rs. 10 lakh for purchase of furniture, vehicle facility with a limit of Rs. 21 lakh, free telephone connection at home and office, daily tour and dearness allowance of Rs. 2,000 within the State and Rs. 2,500 for outside among other things.

From now, Remdesivir supply only through online indenting

Water-tight system developed to prevent hoarding, unscrupulous use and pilferage

Mysuru, May 14 (BCT)- A COVID patient-friendly and a fool-proof system has been developed by the State Government to prevent hoarding, black-marketing and pilferage of Remdesivir drug. The online system will ensure equitable distribution of the drug among patients and also will bring in a systemic change in how the drug is procured, allotted and administered to the end-patient.

The innovativeness of the system is that as soon as vial has been issued against a patient's name, the patient or the patient attendant receives and SMS that the drug has been issued under his/her name. It also enables the patients to alert the authorities if they don't get the drug that has been procured under his/her name.

As per a circular issued by State Chief Secretary P. Ravikumar, the Government has set up a Special War Room to ensure rational supply and distribution of Remdesivir and oxygen. IAS Officer Avinash Menon, who is the Additional Commissioner of Commercial Taxes and V.D. Nishchith, Joint Controller of Accounts, Karnataka State Highways Improvement Project (KSHIP), PWD have been appointed as Nodal Officer and Assistant Nodal Officer respectively and the system has been developed by the War Room and was launched on May 7.

Today last date: The State Authorities till now were accepting manual requests from hospitals for the supply of Remdesivir and from May 14 (today) the manual system will cease to exist and hospitals have to procure the drug through the online system that has been developed with multiple checks and balances.

Realising that there has been a huge gap between the demand and the supply of Remdesivir, the State has already declared that the drug will only be supplied directly from the Government to the end-user.

A 24x7 Helpline number 89517-55722 has been setup to provide the information about hospital wise allocation of Remdesivir and also collect requirement for Oxygen. The system has been jointly developed by Avinash Menon and Nishchith in coordination with National Informatics Centre (NIC), Government of India.

It is a system-based approach for online indenting and distribution and the method aims at providing complete transparency, accountability, traceability and tracking of Remdesivir drug to the last mile — to the patients admitted at private hospitals.

While the State takes care of Government patients in Government hospitals and also Government patients in private hospitals through Suvarna Aarogya Suraksha Trust (SAST), the indenting system has been developed for private hospital patients.

How the system works: The system is open to only those private hospitals registered under Karnataka Private Medical Establishment (KPME) Act, 2007 and as a first step they have to register through the one-time online data collection form available at https://kpme.karnataka.gov.in/ and can indent multiple times as per the requirement after logging into the portal. May 14 is also the last date for hospitals to register.

The system has been designed to obtain the identity of COVID patients by entering the SRF (Specimen Referral Form) ID or the District Patient Code. The system draws the name, age, gender and the phone number used for generation of SRF ID at the time of testing from the back-end and the hospital must then enter the in-patient number, date of admission, CT score and type of bed occupied.

The hospital must enter the quantity of indent for each private patient who needs Remdesivir and the online application allows a maximum of six vials to be raised for each patient.

Jurisdictional drugs controller mapped: The indent is then forwarded automatically to the respective mapped District Assistant Drugs Controller who will ensure that the distribution of the drugs is made as per the indent — pro-rata basis — and also based on availability of the drug from the supplier. Hospitals cannot claim the drug without linking it to a patient and after procurement and they cannot store the drug.

As per the existing treatment protocol, each patient can be administered maximum of six vials and the hospitals can allot the drug to the patient. As soon as the hospital allots the drug to a patient, an automated SMS is sent to the patient or the attendant whose mobile number has been used to generate the SRF ID. The SMS will carry the details like the quantity of vials issued to the patient by the respective private hospital.

Duplication avoided: The system ensures that hospitals mandatorily utilises the stock allocated for them at the earliest in order to raise fresh indent and duplication is avoided as Remdesivir cannot be re-indented against the names of the patients who have already been administered the drug. The system also pulls out back-end data from SAST and if a patient has already been administered the drug, the hospital cannot indent in his/her name.

An interesting feature is that the hospitals have to enter the consumed Remdesivir stocks in the portal and those hospitals that do not use the stock or do not show drug utilisation will not receive any fresh stock until the existing stock is utilised.

57 Mysuru private hospitals register for drug procurement

By developing this fool-proof and a water-tight system, Special War Room Nodal Officers Avinash Menon and Nishchith have applied brakes on unscrupulous use, profiteering, hoarding, black-marketing and pilferage of the drug that is considered vital to treat COVID patients.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Nishchith said that the transparent system, with multiple checks and balances, ensures that there are no unscientific claims. "The SMS sent to the patient after the drug is procured by a particular hospital under his/her name, provides a link to give feedback and also lodge a complaint if the doctor or hospital doesn't administer the dose," he said.

He added that it is a small attempt to ensure that the drug is equitably distributed and administered. "We have made it a citizen-centric initiative," he said. There are over 3,269 recognised hospitals in the State that will come under the system after they register in the KPME portal.

In Mysuru, 57 hospitals have registered till last evening and of them five have indented requirement. "We urge all hospitals to register and indent Remdesivir drug through this portal. As an incentive, we assure that 90 percent of the indents will be honoured. Also, today, May 14 is the last day for registration," he said.

NEWS BRIEFS

No power supply on May 16

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted on May 16 at Vijayanagar 4th Stage, KHB Colony, Hootagalli, Belawadi, Basavanapura, Maratikyathanahali, Panchacharya Layout, K. Hemmanahalli, Jattihundi, Lingadevarakoppal, Yelwal, KRS Road, Aditya Layout, SRS Colony, Koorgalli, NHB Colony, Belawadi Industrial Area, Hootagalli Industrial Area, Koorgalli Industrial Area, Grand Maurya Hotel, Reliance, Yashaswi Convention Centre, Souparnika Apartment, Hinkal, SVEI College and surrounding areas, according to a press release from Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Executive Engineer.

SSLC exam postponed

The Karnataka Government on Thursday announced postponing the SSLC examination scheduled to commence from June 21. Minister for Primary and Secondary Education S. Suresh Kumar said that the decision was taken due to increasing COVID-19 cases and also keeping in view the health condition of children. He clarified that after the second wave of COVID comes under control, fresh dates will be announced well in advance.

UPSC Preliminary exam rescheduled

Due to the prevailing conditions caused by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has deferred the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination - 2021, which was scheduled to be held on June 27. Now, this exam will be held on Oct. 10, 2021.

WATER LEVEL

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2258.40	feet
Inflow	:	547	cusecs
Outflow	:	725	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,820.36	feet
Inflow	:	255	cusecs
Outflow	:	80	cusecs

Private Hospitals to face legal action if they refuse beds for Govt. quota

Mysuru, May 14 (MTY&DM)- With the district facing a shortage of beds for treatment of COVID patients, the District-level Task Force Committee on bed management has warned private hospitals that legal action will be initiated against them if they fail to part with beds as sought by the Government.

The Task force headed by MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev met at the ZP Hall here on Wednesday to discuss the measures that have to be taken against Private Hospitals who charge excessively for COVID treatment and also bed issues.

Addressing the meeting, Rajeev said that there were many complaints that some Private Hospitals were excessively charging patients who are referred by COVID War Room. Stressing on the need to put an end to this, he directed the officials to stop such practices at once.

Noting that Private Hospitals cannot charge patients who are referred by COVID War Room under Government quota of beds, Rajeev suggested erection of flex boards in front of all hospitals with details of treatment charges and also distribution of pamphlets on treatment cost. He warned that action will be taken against Private Hospitals which issue hefty bills even to patients who are referred by COVID War Room.

Continuing, Rajeev said that though most of the Private Hospitals have parted with 50 percent of their bed capacity to the Government, there are still some Hospitals which are refusing to do so. He warned that teams will pay surprise visits to such hospitals and action will be taken against those who have concealed or given false information to the Government on the number of beds available with them.

D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation Chairman Raghu Kautilya, who is in-charge of COVID War Rooms, said that a Nodal Officer has been appointed for every Private Hospital and their job is to ensure that Private Hospitals do not charge patients who are referred to by the War Room. He further said that the patients must be asked to contact the Nodal Officer of that hospital where a bed has been allotted to a patient.

MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh said that a few hospitals have not parted with 50 percent of their beds to the Government despite multiple meetings with them.

Pointing out that there are about 42 hospitals in the city having over 30 beds, he said that the cumulative bed capacity of Private Hospitals is 3,146, out of which the Government should get its quota of 1,459 beds. But there is a shortage of beds as Private Hospitals are refusing to part with the exact number of beds that they are required to give to the Government. This issue needs to be addressed at the earliest as it will help the district administration in ensuring that beds are available on demand. Dr. Natesh also suggested installation of an exclusive software portal which enables COVID War Rooms to directly allot beds.

Additional DC Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy said that there was no shortage of medical oxygen and Remdesivir injections in the district. Pointing out that hospitals can send their oxygen requisition online, he said that delivery of Remdesivir injections has been streamlined in order to ensure that there are no lapses.

He further said that private hospitals facing oxygen shortage can get their required supplies through agencies. The functioning of the War Room has been streamlined and every section has been suitably modified, he added.

MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag observed that it is better to get 80 percent recovered COVID patients discharged from the hospital and take care of them at Post-COVID Care Centres. Apprehending that discharged patients may get infected once again if they are sent home directly from hospitals, she said that early discharge of recovered patients will help in allotting beds to critical patients.

Assistant Commissioner N.C. Venkataraju, COVID Ambulance Services Monitoring Committee Convenor L.R. Mahadevaswamy, COVID Dead Last Rites Monitoring Committee Convenor M. Appanna, DCF Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar, District Family Welfare Officer Dr. P. Ravi and other officials were present.

Ward-level COVID Task Force launched in Ward No. 36

Mysuru, May 14 (DM)- Setting in motion the COVID-19 Ward-level Task Force initiative, Mayor Rukmini Madegowda and MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag launched Ward No. 36 (Yeraganahalli) Task Force at the Government Higher Primary School in Yeraganahalli on Wednesday.

Ward No. 36 is represented by Mayor Rukmini Madegowda of JD(S). The Task force is headed by her and has the ward's Health Inspector, Zonal Assistant Commissioner, Revenue Inspector, Environmental officer, ASHA workers, local NGOs, Doctors and N.R. Constituency Nodal Officer Hemanth Kumar as members.

Speaking after the launch, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag explained the idea behind the formation of Ward-level Task Force to check the spread of the

deadly pandemic. Pointing out that the Task Force will identify symptomatic persons and his/her contacts and advise them to undergo home isolation, she said that such persons will be given medical kits. Also, persons who test positive for the virus, will get access to doctor consultation through Telecare. Besides, based on doctor's prescription, medicines will be supplied and confidence will be instilled in them, she said and added that vaccination of people coming under the Ward too is one of the main agendas of the Task Force.

Pointing out that the Task Force will help critical COVID patients in getting treatment at designated Government Hospitals with help from COVID War Room, she said that it is important to ensure that patients get timely and proper medical attention.

Several members of the Task Force came up with their own useful suggestions on how to effectively tackle the deadly pandemic in areas coming under the Ward.

Mayor Rukmini Madegowda appealed all the members to work in unison and with total dedication and commitment for checking the spread of the virus.

MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag promised all official help to the Task Force.

MCC to set up Step Down Clinics for post-COVID care

Mysuru, May 14 (MTY&DM)- Taking a step forward in post-COVID care of patients, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) will soon be setting up Step Down Clinics or Post-COVID Care Centres across the city to take further care of patients who are discharged from Hospitals after 80 percent recovery from critical illness.

A preliminary meeting in this regard was held at the MCC Old Council Hall here yesterday, during which the idea of Post-COVID Care Centre, put forward by MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag at a meeting on Wednesday, was discussed in detail.

The meeting was chaired by MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, who heads the District-level Task Force on COVID Bed Management.

Addressing the meeting, Rajeev, who received ideas, inputs and valuable suggestions from the participants, said that 10 to 13 locations have been identified for setting up Step Down Clinics.

Noting that hostel buildings of Social Welfare and BCM Welfare Departments, Government Ayurveda College buildings and residential school buildings will be used for setting up the Centres, he said that talks will also be held with Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji on letting out JSS Institutions buildings for the purpose.

Pointing out that as a first step, a 50-bedded care centre, with four oxygenated beds, will be set up at a suitable location, Rajeev said that COVID patients who have recovered 80 percent after getting treatment at ICU with ventilator support, will be convinced to get discharged from the Hospital, in order to pave way for their shifting to Step Down Clinic, where they will get post-COVID care. Stating that Step Down Clinics will have Doctors, Physiotherapists, Psychiatrists, volunteers and counsellors, he said that a homely like atmosphere in these centres will help boost the morale and psyche of recovered patients.

Maintaining that enhancement of mental and physical strength is key for full recovery of COVID patients in real terms, Rajeev said that in-depth counselling, physiotherapy, yoga, meditation and the like by professionals will help the patients to develop physical and mental strength and sturdiness. The recovered patients who are admitted in these clinics will be taken care of for a period ranging from 3 to 8 days, he added.

MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag said that Step Down Clinic is a medically accepted concept, which is being introduced in the city, perhaps for the first time in the State. Asserting that with rising positive cases, there is a growing demand for hospital beds, she said that the concept of Step Down Clinic will reduce the burden or ease the pressure on hospital beds as COVID patients who have recovered 80 percent after reaching critical stage, will be shifted directly to this clinic.

Highlighting the features of the clinic, she said that in the first stage, the MCC has planned to set up a 50-bed facility. More such centres will be set up at 12 to 15 other locations in the coming days depending upon the success, she said and added that the clinics will be 24x7 care centres, with doctors and other care professionals in charge. The MCC Commissioner further said that the clinics will have enough medical oxygen stocks for meeting any emergencies.

Jungle Lodges and Resorts (JLR) Chairman M. Appanna, who is In-charge of District-level Task Force on COVID Death Last Rites, Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy, who is Incharge of District-level Task Force on COVID Ambulance Services, Dr. H.V. Santhrupth and Dr. Raghunath of Gopala Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital, Dr. Praveen of Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Hospital and other officials were present.

Special team formed to oversee cremations

Mysuru, May 14 (MTY&BCT)- As COVID death rate graph is heading north, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has formed a special team to oversee cremations and last rites of the patients. This is to ensure that patient relatives are not put into trouble while cremating their loved ones and also to ensure that the dead get a dignified adieu.

The team is headed by Chairman of Jungle Lodges and Resorts M. Appanna and comprises MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, who is also the head of the Task Force formed for hospital bed allocation, Zoo Authority Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy who is the head of Ambulance Distribution Task Force.

The Committee visited various crematoriums in city yesterday and visited burial grounds to supervise arrangements. They directed the people manning the crematoriums to be ready to cremate bodies to avoid last-minute rush and confusion.

They visited Mukthidhama at Vijayanagar, Jodi Thenginamara burial ground at Bannimantap. Harishchandra Ghat at the foot of Chamundi Hill, Jayanagar crematorium, and also paid a visit to Muslim burial grounds near Tipu Circle and Ghousianagar.

Appanna told reporters that their visit comes in the wake of chaos and confusion that has arisen in Bengaluru and they will ensure that such incidents do not occur in Mysuru.

As per the guidelines, at the mortuary and cremation places, healthcare workers, mortuary staff and the family of the dead patient shall not come in direct contact with the dead body and must wear full personal protective equipment (PPE).

If the family or relative are for any reason unable to cremate or bury the body, the local health authority shall arrange for the dignified last rites as per the religious traditions of the family. Under no circumstances, the body bag in which the dead body is wrapped must be opened.

Last rites can also be conducted at private lands, village burial grounds and also family cremation sites. Teams from the administration would also be present during the last rites and they will ensure that the guidelines are followed. Only five relatives of the dead would be allowed near the cremation site, say the guidelines.

The team of officials during inspection of burial grounds yesterday.

DCGI approves clinical trial of COVAXIN in 2 to 18 years age group

New Delhi, May 14 (PIB & SSV)-The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI), the national regulator, after careful examination, has accepted the recommendation of Subject Expert Committee (SEC) and accorded permission to conduct the Phase II/III clinical trial of Covaxin (COVID vaccine) in the age group of 2 to 18 years, to its manufacturer Bharat Biotech Ltd.

The Hyderabad- based Pharmaceutical Company had proposed to carry out a Phase- II/III clinical trial of Covaxin in the age group of 2 to 18 years. The trial will be conducted in 525 healthy volunteers.

In the trial, the vaccine will be given by intramuscular route in two doses at day 0 and day 28.

As rapid regulatory response, the proposal was deliberated in Subject Expert Committee (SEC) (COVID-19) meeting held on May 11.

The Committee, after a detailed deliberation in this regard, recommended for grant of permission to conduct proposed Phase II/III clinical trial to certain conditions.

Patent waiver for Covaxin under 'serious consideration' by Centre: DVS

Bengaluru, May 14 (UNI) - Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers D.V. Sadananda Gowda (DVS) on Thursday said that a proposal to suspend protection under the Patents Act for Covaxin, the home-made COVID-19 vaccine by Bharat Biotech, is under 'serious consideration.'

Speaking to newsmen here, he said a Committee had been set up to look at the patent waiver for Covaxin after the United States recently backed a move to suspend Intellectual Property (IP) Rights for COVID-19 vaccines and other key medicines.

The waiver will allow other companies to manufacture vaccine without mandatory licensing from the firm that holds the patent.

This is under very serious consideration by the Central Government. A committee with representatives from NITI Aayog, Indian Council of Medical Research and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is discussing the proposal, he said.

DVS said that the discussion to waive protection under Patent Act for Covaxin started after the Government realised that the supply of vaccines was not adequate, especially after the inoculation drive opened for people in the 18-44 age group. Despite the possible waiver of patent rights, it would take a few months to ramp up vaccine production as it cannot be done overnight. "The Government is also mulling the use of all available facilities to produce vaccines," he said.

'I have ensured that there is NO shortage of Oxygen and Remdesivir in the district'

A week after he was appointed by District In-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar as In-Charge of Task Force on Medical Oxygen and Remdesivir injection supplies in the District, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has maintained that there is not even a single complaint on any lapses in the distribution of these two vital medical requirements. In a telephonic interview to *Star of Mysore,* the MP, who is recovering from COVID, spoke about his efforts in detail. *Excerpts.* —Ed

By S.B. Devaraj

Star of Mysore (SOM): Is there any improvement in Oxygen and Remdesivir supplies in the district after you took over as Task Force In-Charge following the Chamarajanagar tragedy?

Pratap Simha: Efforts were made to put the blame on Mysuru District Administration for the deaths of 24 COVID patients in 24 hours at Chamarajanagar District Hospital allegedly for want of oxygen. But now the High Court-appointed Committee has completely absolved the Mysuru District Administration of the charges while also giving a clean chit to it.

In fact, upon coming to know from my media friends that Chamarajanagar was facing acute oxygen shortage, on the night of the previous day of the incident, I tried to contact Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner. After failing to contact the DC, I called the Control Room and asked the phone receiver to inform the DC to call me. I received a phone call from the DC at 11 pm that night when the DC told me that there was an urgent need for 50 cylinders of oxygen. I immediately made arrangements to dispatch the oxygen cylinders to Chamarajanagar, following which I tweeted about the same.

However, unfortunately a big tragedy happened and Mysuru District Administration was falsely blamed for it. After the tragedy, there were cries of oxygen shortage at Hospitals in Mysuru and Mandya districts too, following which Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar held a meeting. A day later, I was appointed as In-Charge of the District-level Task Force for streamlining Oxygen and Remdesivir injection supplies. Now, as you can see for yourselves, things have improved a lot with no complaints on Oxygen or Remdesivir.

SOM: Emergency supply of Oxygen was a big challenge. How was it possible for you to streamline in such a short duration of 3-4 days?

Pratap Simha: Soon after my appointment as In-Charge of Oxygen and Remdesivir supplies on May 7, I collected vital data on the number of oxygenated beds in Government and Private Hospitals and their daily oxygen needs. Although the Nodal Officer in charge of bed management at KPME (Karnataka Private Medical Establishments) registered hospitals was callous in responding to my queries, I got the vital data after a stern warning. In the meantime, I was in constant touch with Oxygen agencies such as Padaki Air Products, Mangala Ravi Agencies and Peenya Industrial Gases Pvt. Ltd. for supply of Oxygen on demand. As I was talking to them, they complained about non-supply of liquid oxygen and about the pressure of officials from neighbouring districts for oxygen delivery, which complicated the situation. Thereafter, I formed a WhatsApp group of representatives of Private Hospitals in which they were asked to provide information about their oxygen availability and further needs at least 4-5 hours in advance. At the same time, I got installed CCTV cameras at all the oxygen agencies and refilling units and appointed a Nodal Officer to monitor oxygen deliveries.

This apart, I maintained constant touch with Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) manufacturers — Praxair at Ballari and Bhoruka Gases at Bengaluru — to get regular information about the quantity of LMO dispatched from the two units on a daily basis. I also directed the authorities to collect information from the supply agencies about the quantity of oxygen supplied to K.R. Hospital and other Hospitals. Besides, I streamlined oxygen supplies to all Private Hospitals, for which a Revenue Inspector was appointed at every agency. Also, we have submitted a list of agents, who are cheating people with the false promise of free supply of oxygen, to the City Police Commissioner. All these efforts have borne fruit, with the system back on right track.

SOM: Is there an increase in Oxygen supplies after the formation of Task Force?

Pratap Simha: Following complaints from agencies that Mandya District authorities were forcibly taking away oxygen cylinders, I spoke to Mandya officials asking them to seek only the quantity that they require and not in excess. I also requested Mandya District Minister K.C. Narayanagowda to talk to the authorities concerned on getting a higher quantity of LMO. In the meantime, out of the 16 KL of oxygen that was available on May 9, 12 KL was supplied to Mysuru's K.R. Hospital and the remaining 4 KL was used for filling 110 cylinders, out of which 70 were dispatched to Hospitals in Mysuru and 40 to Mandya. But as there was a forecast that Mysuru would become short of oxygen, I spoke to Anil of Praxair and appealed him to dispatch 10 KLMO of oxygen from his company's re-filling station at Dobbaspet near Tumakuru.

Later, I sent an empty oxygen tank to the re-filling station under escort which returned to the city at 4 pm on May 10 after getting fully loaded with the life-saving gas. I must say that this action has played a crucial role in the distribution of oxygen in the district. There are 104 hospitals in the district that are treating COVID patients and no hospital, whether Government or Private, has complained of shortage of oxygen till now since Monday last. There is just about enough oxygen stock for now, with the district not having even one KL in excess of the requirement.

SOM: Is there enough Remdesivir stock?

Pratap Simha: There are some glitches in official distribution of this vital vaccine as some Private Hospitals have failed to deposit money. Following the District Minister's talk with Union Minister D.V. Sadananda Gowda, Mysuru district is getting 3,000 vials of the injection daily since the past 3 days, most of which is being supplied to Government Hospitals. It is true that more Remdesivir vials are required for the district and it is hoped that the supplies will meet the demand in a couple of days.

SOM: Is bed blocking mafia in operation in Mysuru ?

Pratap Simha: There are more than 40 Hospitals in Mysuru that have over 30 beds and a Nodal Officer has been appointed for each of these Hospitals for bed management. So far, there are no complaints of bed blocking. A Task Force for bed management has been formed under the leadership of MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev. A comprehensive information on the availability of cumulative beds in Private Hospitals is being gathered and it is proposed to launch a website on bed availability on real time basis.

SOM: Is there shortage of cylinders for supply to additional oxygenated beds?

Pratap Simha: There is a need for augmenting oxygen supplies if the number of oxygenated beds in Trauma Centre, PKTB Sanatorium and Taluk Hospitals are increased in significant numbers.

The Department of Industries and Commerce was asked to get in touch with Industries for supply of oxygen cylinders, following which the city has got a total of 733 cylinders, including 13 from Automotive Axles, 3 each from Rishi FIBC and Gromax papers, 5 each from Triton Valves and Triveni Engineering, 10 from Asian Paints, 145 from Mangala Ravi Agencies, 239 from Southern Gas Agencies, 160 collectively from 15 industries coming under Peenya Industrial Gases Pvt. Ltd. and 150 from Mohanty Company.

SOM: How is the District Administration prepared to tackle a possible third wave of COVID attack?

Pratap Simha: The Union Government has sanctioned 31 oxygen manufacturing plants to 31 District Hospitals including the one in Kodagu. These plants will have a production capacity of 1 KL of LMO per minute. This high capacity plant will come up in Kodagu in the next 10 days and moreover, Mysuru too will get a high capacity plant by the end of this month. Besides there are plans to set up oxygen plants in all Taluk hospitals.

Apart from this, all other preparations are underway for tackling the third possible wave. The third wave is anticipated to affect children the most and as such discussions with Paediatricians and other child care specialists have already begun in right earnest to tackle this deadly pandemic. I reassure that the Government has begun preparations much in advance for preventing the outbreak of the third possible wave of COVID-19 attack.

Mysuru reports first black fungus death

Seven more mucormycosis cases detected at K.R. Hospital and some private hospitals

Mysuru, May 14 (MTY&BCT)- Mysuru reported its first black fungus death case and the new variant has been detected in seven more COVID-infected patients. This has caused concern among medical community who are battling day and night to combat the killer virus even as India is reporting an increasing number of black fungus cases and several casualties.

The cases of mucormycosis (black fungus), a rare but dangerous fungal infection, have been reported in Delhi, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Odisha and several others.

As per sources, the first death due to black fungus occurred on Thursday (May 13) and the patient was suffering from co-morbidities like diabetes and hypertension. The K.R. Hospital doctors have detected four such cases and three cases have been detected in some private hospitals.

Senior doctor from Gopala Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital Dr. Raghunath told *Star of Mysore* that black fungus is not a new disease but a pre-existing ailment. "The virus was there earlier and now it has come to light as more and more COVID patients are being infected," he said.

Confirming that the black fungus virus has shown presence in Mysuru, Dr. Raghunath said that the infected are being treated with 'Amphotericin B'. "The doctors team in Mysuru are well prepared to treat black fungus disease and only specialists in the field are observing and monitoring the infected patients," he added. Mucormycosis is caused by a group of moulds called mucormycetes that are found throughout the natural environment. It affects the sinuses, lungs, skin and brain. It mainly affects people who are on medication for other conditions, especially diabetes, that reduce their ability to fight environmental pathogens.

Warning signs

The sinuses or lungs of such individuals get affected after fungal spores are inhaled from the air. Warning signs include fever, headache, coughing, breathlessness, blood vomits and altered mental status.

Patients with uncontrolled diabetes are anyway at high risk of contracting COVID-19. When this happens, they are treated with steroids which further compromise immunity. Patients with prolonged ICU stay are also at high risk of mucormycosis.

Symptoms of mucormycosis

Sinusitis (nasal blockage or congestion), blackish/bloody nasal discharge and pain on the cheek bone. Other symptoms include pain on one side of the face, numbness or swelling, blackish discolouration over the bridge of nose/palate, loosening of teeth, blurred or double vision with pain, fever, skin lesion, blood clot, and chest pain.

Precautions for patients

COVID patients should control hyperglycaemia by regularly monitoring their blood glucose level post discharge. Diabetics should also monitor their blood glucose levels. Doctors have been advised to use antibiotics, antifungals and steroids judiciously. Hospitals should use clean, sterile water for humidifiers during oxygen therapy. Doctors have been warned not to miss warning signs and symptoms and not lose crucial time to initiate treatment.

Minister denies black fungus death, admits virus presence

Mysuru, May 14 (RK&BCT)- District Minister S.T. Somashekar has said that no black fungus death has been reported in Mysuru. Speaking to reporters after garlanding the statue of Basavanna at Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Circle near JSS Mahavidyapeeta in city, as part of Basava Jayanti celebrations organised by the District Administration this morning, the Minister claimed that only two people have been infected with black fungus at K.R. Hospital.

"The black fungus has been observed in two persons and they were at the K.R. Hospital since 14 to 15 days. There has been no death due to black fungus and all precautions have been taken and the infected are being treated," Somashekar claimed.

Due to COVID pandemic, the Basava Jayanti was celebrated in a simple manner and the event was restricted to garlanding.

On the issue of doctors getting assaulted while in the line of duty, the Minister said that he has directed the Police to book assaulters under strong sections. Security at the K.R. Hospital will be increased, he added.

"I have spoken to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa on appointing an additional Dean for Mysore Medical College and Research Institute so that the present Dean Dr C.P. Nanjaraj is not overburdened by COVID and non-COVID duties. They can share responsibilities and the process for identifying the additional Dean is on," the Minister said.

MLA S.A. Ramdas, MLC Vishwanath, D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation Chairman R. Raghu Kautilya, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Mayor Rukmini Madegowda, Jungle Lodges and Resorts Chairman M. Appanna, Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda and others were present.

Our stand on Chamarajanagar tragedy vindicated: DC

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Replying to queries by reporters, Rohini Sindhuri said, "As Basavanna has preached, no one should thieve, kill or tell lies *(Kalabeda, Kolabeda, Husiya Nudiyabeda)*. I am not here to react to every statement made by politicians. The Committee has cleared the name of Mysuru District Administration and several baseless and motivated statements had put a black mark on Mysuru. Unfortunately, while targeting me, they have brought a bad name to Mysuru. Mysuru has erased the black mark now. Those people who had made such allegations must apologise to Mysureans."

When the reporters insisted that she should react on the statements made by former Corporator and MLA, Rohini Sindhuri retorted, "Media should desist from asking such questions. I am not here to react to everyone's statements that too in the time of pandemic and at a critical juncture to save lives. This is not the time for replying to allegations," she said.

"They have been targeting me from the day I assumed charge as Mysuru DC and sadly I am being personally targeted in many ways. I have not reacted to such statements and only time will tell. During a crisis time, people, bureaucrats and politicians must join hands to fight the contagion. Let Basavanna's preaching guide them and may Goddess Chamundeshwari give wisdom to them," Deputy Commisioner Rohini Sindhuri said.

Ramzan and Basava Jayanthi celebrated in city

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The community leaders including Sir Khazi of Mysuru Hazrath Moulana Mohammed Usman Shariff had also urged people not to gather in Mosques for prayers, but offer them at their homes.

The usual festive mood in Mysuru city was missing this year. Absence of makeshift food stalls offering scrumptious delicacies, the aroma of various dishes, the ever-bustling Meena Bazaar and people thronging shopping hotspots were all missed and the people realised it's a small price to pay to contain the contagion. Last year too, Ramzan celebration was limited only inside houses.

Akshaya Trithiya, Basava Jayanthi too celebrated

Akshaya Trithiya and Basava Jayanthi too were celebrated in city this morning.

Though thousands of people throng the shops to buy jewellery on the occasion of Akshaya Trithiya, this year, the people had to be contented with what they had as over 750 jewellery shops in city remained closed due to lockdown and people celebrated Akshaya Trithiya in their homes.

Basava Jayanthi celebration was also a low key affair in city with no procession and public programmes. District Minister S.T. Somashekar, Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev and others garlanded the statue of Basaveshwara at Gun House Circle this morning.

PM greets citizens

Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted the nation on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr and Akshaya Tritiya today and asked people to follow the COVID-19 guidelines.

The PM greeted and said: "Praying for everyone's good health and well-being. Powered by our collective efforts, may we overcome the global pandemic and work towards furthering human welfare. Eid Mubarak. Happy Akshaya Tritiya to all countrymen. This auspicious festival associated with the accomplishment of auspicious works should give us the power to realize our resolve to conquer the corona epidemic."

COVID crisis: Pushcart fruit vendors face the heat

Mysuru, May 14 (PM&SD)- Pushcart fruit vendors in city are facing a bleak future following lockdown in city. Only a few are now seen at various parts across the city while 70 percent of pushcart vendors seem to have stopped selling fruits.

Pushcart vendors selling fruits were a common scene in the heart of the city as well as extension areas including near Dufferin Clock Tower, Ane Sarot Street adjacent to Devaraja Market and around Devaraj Urs Road. As the State Government imposed a stringent 14-day lockdown on May 10, people can now buy essential items including vegetables, fruits and groceries only during the stipulated time (6 am to 10 am).

At present, a few pushcart fruit vendors are utilising this opportunity, while most of them seem to have stopped, either due to lack of sales or fear of catching the disease.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, pushcart vendor Girish said, "I have been selling fruits near Devaraja Market. As it is closed now, I push my cart to nearby extension areas and sell seasonal fruits, but most of my colleagues have now stopped their business."

"To have a considerably good sale, I need to push my cart to at least 10 km per day. Now a days, I am selling mangos, but still the response from customers is not so good, probably due to lockdown," Girish added.

National Policy should be announced on Corona vaccination

Aurangabad/Mumbai, May 14 (UNI)- Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) President Nana Patole on Wednesday demanded that the Central Government should announce a National Policy on Corona vaccination as there is no coherence in vaccination across the country.

Speaking to press-persons at his residence in Mumbai, Patole said there are long queues of people outside vaccination centres across the country.

The Modi Government says that 17 crore people have been vaccinated, but millions of people have not received the second dose even after the expiry of the second dose date, he said.

Rs. 5 crore donated to Chief Minister's Relief Fund

Bengaluru, May 14 (SSV)- On behalf of Apex Bank, Co-operation and District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar was handed over a cheque for Rs. 5 crore towards the Chief Minister's Relief Fund, on Wednesday.

On this occasion, one lakh N-95 masks were also given to CM B.S. Yediyurappa.

Apex Bank Chairman and MLA Belliprakash, Marketing Federation Chairman Rajendra Kumar and Apex Bank Managing Director C.N. Devaraj were present.

Govt. needs helping hand

Speaking on the occasion, Somashekar said the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic was very serious and this had posed a tough challenge for the Government. Under this circumstance, it was heartening to know that the Co-operative institutions were coming to the help of the Government. Other institutions must also come forward to donate generously towards the Chief Minister's Relief Fund, he said adding that the Government requires money to deal with the current crisis.

The Minister also appealed to the people to donate to Mysuru Zoo as it was difficult to maintain it owing to closure of Zoo as well as ban on entry of tourists due to total lockdown.

Assistant Film Director now works as a blacksmith

Begur, May 14 (Nagesh& SD)- With film and television-related production coming to a standstill amidst nearly a month-long lockdown this year, a film personality who had been working in the Kannada movie industry for many years has now returned to his native village and working as a blacksmith.

A native of Bettadamadahalli village in Gundlupet taluk, Bhadra B.M. Halli has worked as an Assistant Film Director and lyricist in Kannada cine industry since last eight years. Once again, the COVID-19 pandemic has devastated the movie industry halting shootings and closing movie theatres across the State.

Amidst the crisis, Bhadra has now returned to his native village and working as a blacksmith, which he says is their family occupation.

Bhadra has worked as an assistant director for two Kannada movies, 'Hani Hani Ibbani' and 'Halu Tuppa'. A favourite disciple and friend of noted Music Director Hamsalekha, he has also worked as an assistant for Music Director K.M. Indra and has directed his own short films.

He had recently released an album song 'E Preethi Onthara,' directed by himself.

Bhadra B.M. Halli has also written the story for the movie 'Amayaki' and six songs for Kannada movie 'Jai Veeranjaneya'.

Sale of oximeters at higher rates

Medical shops raided, cases registered

Mysuru, May 14 (KS) - Following complaints that oximeters, which are not in accordance with the rule were being sold at exorbitant rates at medical shops in city, a team of officials from the Legal Metrology Department conducted raids on various medical stores in city recently.

Legal Metrology Department officials K.M. Mahadevaswamy and Sumarani conducted raids and have registered seven cases against medical shop owners besides imposing a total of Rs. 20,000 on them.

The officials have asked the public to call Ph: 0821-2479107 or 2479455, if they find medical stores charging more that the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) and also if the oximeter does not have the manufacturer's address and regular declarations is not mentioned.

District in-Charge Secretary pulls up Officers

Mysuru, May 14 (RKB&SSV)- IAS Officer and District in-Charge Secretary N. Jayaram, who is also the Mysuru Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Administrative Officer has directed officers to hold phone-in programmes to solve problems of general public and farmers as they are unable to come to Government Offices due to total lockdown across the State.

Holding a virtual Karnataka Development Programme (KDP) review meeting here yesterday, he noted that people were not coming to Office due to COVID crisis. So, Officers of Departments of Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Education, which work closely with the public, must hold Sub-Division-level phone-in programme at least once in a week. Their grievances must be heard, noted down and solved within two weeks. Those issues, that could not be solved, must be informed to the people, he said.

New action plan drawn by Departments must get nod from the higher authorities in view of beginning of new financial year, he added.

Food grains to kids

The Assistant Director of *Anna Dasoha* said that in November-December last year, they had distributed wheat and rice to 89,000 children who could not attend the school due to Corona. While the children were in school, they had distributed to 91 percent kids and now the percentage has gone up to 98 percent.

Reacting to this, Jayaram asked officers to ensure that good quality food grains be given to children. ZP CEO A.M. Yogesh, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, ZP Deputy Secretaries, Premkumar and Dr. Krishna Raju and others were present.

Unhappy with reply

Jayaram was unhappy over the reply given by Range Forest Officer of Social Forestry Department, Amit Raj, on tree plantation and opined his information was not matching with statistics.

Replying to a question on total number of trees planted in the district, Raj said of the total 3 lakh saplings planted, 20,000 have died. As many as 300 saplings are planted in an acre of land. Besides, *honge* and *jamun* trees were planted on roadsides. In total, three lakh saplings have been planted and achieved 100 percent success.

Jayaram wanted to know how those 20,000 saplings died when they were maintained well with tree guards and water. Going by documents, the Department has planted lakhs of saplings in the last 25 years and going by that there should have been big forests. But it was not seen, he observed.

There is no sapling or tree guard but still you claim to have planted lakhs of trees, he retorted saying, "I want to know whether farmers have grown sandalwood saplings given by your department. I will come and inspect. You take me and show the places."

Energise borewells quickly

District Secretary Jayaram took CESC Officer to task for delay in energising the borewells sunk under the Ganga-Kalyana Scheme in the district.

CESC Executive Engineer Nagesh informed the meeting that 1,080 borewells have been given electric connection as against 1,190 applications received from various Corporations, and only 110 are pending. The Corona pandemic has hampered giving further connection, he added.

To this, Jayaram sought to know why CESC required so much time when it can complete it in three days. He issued directions to complete energisation of all borewells within a month.

Slow pace of road works

Jayaram also took Officers to task for completing road works worth just Rs. 115 crore to Rs. 120 crore as against the total works of Rs. 650 crore and said it shows their negligence.

He expressed his unhappiness over delay in the completion of works under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Scheme and for taking up just 25 percent of works in last eight-and-a-half months. He sought to know how they could complete the remaining 75 percent in the rest three months. All pending works must be completed on priority, he added.

Sculptor Kanaka Murthy passes away

She had sculpted the bronze bust of Sir M. Visvesvaraya installed at Institute of Engineers in Mysuru

Bengaluru, May 14 - Renowned female sculptor of the State Kanakamurthy (79), passed away at a private hospital here on Thursday, following brief illness.

She leaves behind her husband, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

The bronze bust of Sir M. Visvesvaraya, installed at the Institute of Engineers in Mysuru was sculpted by her.

Some of her famous sculptures include the Kuvempu statue at Botanical Garden in Lalbagh, Bengaluru, Statue of Wright Brothers at Visvesvaraya Museum, Bengaluru, Gangubai Hanagal, Bhimsen Joshi, and other well known personalities.

She was a recipient of Shilpa Kala Academy award in 1999 and Kannada Rajyotsava award in 1996 among others.

Born in 1942, she was one of the rare sculptors and learned the art from her Guru Vadiraj.

Obituary

Shivamma

Mysuru, May 14- Shivamma (85), mother of littérateur late Prof. Shivaramu Kadanakuppe, passed away this morning at her residence in Ramanagar following age related ailments.

She leaves behind daughters-in-law Suvarna Kadanakuppe and Sumithra, grandchildren Dr. Sushi Kadanakuppe, Dr. Nesara Kadanakuppe, Sunil Chikkapaji, Ramya Chikkapaji and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Kadanakuppe village of Ramanagar district today.

T.S. Sashikumar

T.S. Sashikumar (78), Charter member of Builders Association of India (BAI) Mysuru Centre, passed away yesterday in city.

An active member of Lions clubs international, Stone Crushers Association, Contractors Association, Lorry Owners Association and many more, he leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds at Vidyaranyapuram this morning.

Dr. N.S. Mahendrakar

Dr. N.S. Mahendrakar (72), a retired senior scientist from CFTRI and a resident of CFTRI Layout, passed away in the wee hours of yesterday at a Government Hospital in city following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter, grandchildren and host of relatives and friends.

Born in Guledgudd town of Bagalkot District, Dr. Mahendrakar obtained his B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees in Chemistry from Karnataka University Dharwad and Ph.D in Food Science from University of Mysore.

Dr. Mahendrakar joined CFTRI in Mysuru in 1974 and served for more than 35 years. He retired as the Head of the Department of Animal Products in the cadre of Deputy Director. He was a diligent scientist and an active member of Association of Food Scientists and Technologists and also served as the Editor of the Journal of Food Science and Technology.

He also served as a visiting faculty of Food Science and Technology at a few Universities.

L. Mallappa

L. Mallappa (Swamy), Manager of Sangam Theatre in city and a resident of Vidyaranyapuram, passed away at a private hospital in city yesterday due to age related ailments. He was 78. He leaves behind two daughters, four sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at his native village Ankanalli near Bilikere here last evening.

Padma

Padma, wife of Mallanna and a resident of Kashipathi Agrahara, passed away yesterday.

She leaves behind her husband, son Somashekar, daughters-in-law Roopa and Dr. M.P. Varsha and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Jayanagar Burial Grounds.

Kottangada Ammavva Chambakki

Kottangada Ammavva Chambakki (Addengada), wife of late Kottangada Mittu Uthaiah and a resident of Bogadi, passed away yesterday in city. She was 82.

A native of Balyamundoor in Kodagu, she leaves behind one son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam yesterday.

B.S. Sannaiah

B.S. Sannaiah (84), retired Deputy Director of Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies, passed away in city following age related ailments.

He has authored about 95 books including *Devachandrana Rajavali, Kathasara* and *Nagavarmana Vardhamana Purana* among others. He was also the recipient of Kannada Sahitya Academy honorary award, Chaundaraya Award and Gomateshwara Vidyapeetah Award among other awards.

D.R. Sadiq Shariff

D.R. Sadiq Shariff (61), retired Assistant RTO and a resident of N.R. Mohalla, near Radio Park, passed away yesterday at a private hospital in city following cardiac arrest.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters, one son and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place at the Muslim Burial Grounds on Nanjangud Road yesterday.

WORD OF THE DAY

Veracity

Pronunciation: vuh-RASS-uh-tee.
Meaning: Conformity with truth or fact: accuracy; devotion to the truth: truthfulness; power of conveying or perceiving truth.
Origin: Veracity has been a part of English since the early 17th century, and we can honestly tell you that it derives from the Latin adjective vērāx ("truthful"), which in turn comes from the earlier vērus ("true"). Vērus also gives us verity ("the quality of being true"), verify ("to establish the truth of"), and verisimilitude ("the appearance of truth"), among other words. In addition, vērāx is the root of the word veraciousness, a somewhat rarer synonym and cousin of veracity.
Example: English poet Thomas Gray wrote, "Any fool may write a most valuable book by chance, if he will only tell us what he heard and saw with veracity."

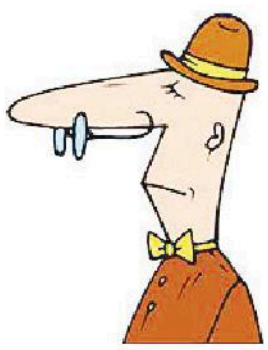
THE ODD WORD

Vadimony

Bond or pledge given before a judge.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Under your nose



Meaning: If something is under your nose then you're oblivious to it even though it's right there in front of you.
Origin: As the saying goes, it is right there under your nose! How long have people been using this expression? It is said this phrase dates back to at least the 1500s, but one could not find any examples of it from that time. The earliest one could find it is from the 1600s. For example, the phrase is seen in The Copie of a Letter sent from The Roaring Boyes in Elizium, from the year 1641:
"Can you my worthy hosts sit and see those
That make you weare od money in your hose,
Under your nose triumphing?"
It is common for the word "right" to be inserted in front of this expression. The earliest one could find of 'right under your nose' is from the newspaper The Sydney Morning Herald, November 1856:
"'Well, have you detected my forgery?' said he, with the greatest coolness, 'No,' replied the head expert laughing, 'for a good reason—you never sent it.' 'Why, there it lies right under your nose, the third to the left, and here is the original I took it from.'"

QUOTE BOX

We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them. **—Albert Einstein**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Wandering Minstrel.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Skills
5 Harem rooms
9 One's kin or kindred
12 The burglar's booty
13 Greek cheese
14 Peep
15 Austen novel
16 HCl, HBr or H-2-O-2 et al. ?
18 One of the archangels
20 U-turn from NNW
21 A sticky black liquid
22 Associate and talk in a friendly & familiar way (3-3)
25 Kingdom
28 Monetary unit of Japan or Bengali surname
29 Lacking moisture
30 Swiss river - change of "area"?
31 Young dog
32 Fabricator
33 Flight Control Sys.
34 Pomeranian (dog) in short ?
35 Scoop
36 Insect body area
38 Roman bronze - "sea" change?
39 Catch
40 ____ Rigby: Beatles hit
44 Beekeper
47 Departed
48 School transport
49 Eight as a prefix
50 Gender abbr.
51 Tolkien's tree like creature
52 Alkaline solutions
53 To be (Latin)

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

T	E	A	K	■	B	A	A	■	P	E	R	U
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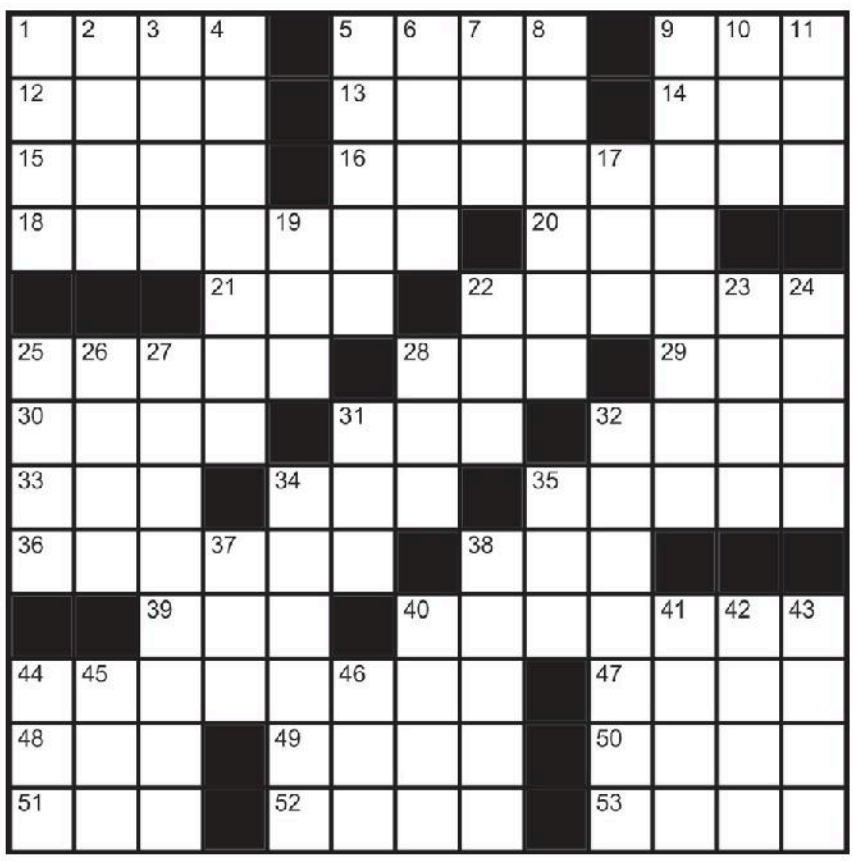
DOWN
1 Shake or break follower
2 Their capital for the Italians?
3 Burial place
4 Surprise
5 Express willingness
6 Sunny or Esha of Bollywood
7 Air Transp. Radio
8 Biblical strongman
9 Magnificent
10 Levin or Gershwin
11 Cricket sundry
17 Oft used computer port
19 Cartesian words
22 With it, once
23 By word of mouth
24 Cattle shed
25 Something floating
26 Everyone
27 Fire-raiser
28 Total
31 Plague
32 Italian dish
34 Security round
35 Sheltered side
37 "Bad Behaviour" star Stephen
38 Choir members
40 City in NE Italy famous for its ancient Roman ruins
41 Negative votes
42 Burden
43 Anatomical network
44 Abraham's pet name
45 A play on words
46 Very cold



SUDOKO

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			4		1			
				7				

Answer to previous puzzle

7	3	8	2	5	4	1	6	9
1	6	5	9	7	8	4	2	3
9	4	2	3	1	6	5	8	7
3	7	4	8	2	9	6	5	1
8	9	1	5	6	7	2	3	4
5	2	6	1	4	3	9	7	8
6	5	3	7	9	1	8	4	2
4	1	7	6	8	2	3	9	5
2	8	9	4	3	5	7	1	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

BYS CBSHY'O CTHGBQSK YSM EIYCH MTOJBWO GBYHSYOTYF

OB EBHS HTFJO BA OJS HJBKS ABK I QSKX EBYF OTPS.

TODAY'S CLUE: C EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A man who thinks he has a higher purpose can do terrible things, even to those he professes to love.

POSITIVITY UNLIMITED

'Make your mind stronger and stay positive'

Jain Monk Muni Shri Praman Sagar Ji Maharaj

Renowned Jain Monk Muni Shri Praman Sagarji Maharaj spoke at **#PositivityUnlimited** lecture series organised by COVID Response Team (CRT), Delhi, on May 11 and said that we can defeat the pandemic if we are mentally strong. If you keep your mind strong you can defeat the disease. He also urged people to develop a spiritual outlook in life. Following are the excerpts from his address:

"This pandemic is dangerous and infections and deaths are increasing. Hospitals are full. I wish to say that people have to keep their mind strong. If you keep your mind strong you can defeat the disease."

"One has to stay positive and think that one will come out of it. The disease affects the body and not the mind. Do not let the disease of body affect your mind. Doctors have said that those who are positive recuperate faster than those who are mentally not fit," he added.

"Have a spiritual outlook in you. You have to be aware that the diseases is of the body and not of me. The death of the body will not affect me. Be aware that nothing can kill me if I am supposed to be alive and will not be alive for a moment when I am mandated to die. So, do not be afraid and welcome death with smile and open arms," the monk said

One has to die one or the other day and we are not here to stay alive forever. This is not in our hands to decide our fate. Along with medicines, take steps to strengthen your mind, he said and added that those who are mentally strong, will defeat any disease. The family of patients also must be positive and stay strong and not be fearful. Remove fear from your minds.

"This is not the first pandemic affecting the mankind. Crores have died in pandemics in past centuries, but man has survived. Even during this pandemic, we will survive this and win over the situation," he said.

"I urge Jains to donate more during the pandemic, true to Jain tradition of giving and helping during difficulties. We also have to ensure that we stay healthy and also help others stay healthy,' he urged.

"Let us repeat 'I am healthy' to stay positive. My message is to make your mind stronger and stay positive, the Muni said.

Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram launches free food packets distribution

Mysuru, May 14 (MTY&DM)- In a novel initiative aimed at helping the caretakers of COVID infected patients, Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram located on Nanjangud Road has launched distribution of free food packets to caretakers of patients undergoing treatment at District Hospital, Trauma Centre, Ashakirana Hospital and several other Hospitals in the city.

Speaking after the launching the initiative by handing over the first food packet to District Minister S.T. Somashekar at a programme organised in the Ashrama premises this morning, Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji said that the second wave of COVID attack is more deadlier, snuffing out lives of people within days of the attack. In such a situation, the Ashram, in a bid to help inconvenienced and poor caretakers of COVID patients at various hospitals of the city, has started distribution of food packets. Pointing out that the Ashram will distribute 3,000 food packets daily, the Seer said that the Ashram staff and volunteers will prepare the food in a hygienic manner, while following all COVID-19 protocols in place.

Observing that the second wave is likely to persist till the end of August, the Swamiji said that the people should take all measures for their own safety, health and well-being. The Seer termed the epidemic as a natural disaster that happens once in an age.

Noting that such disasters have occurred even during 'Dwapara Yuga,' the Swamiji said that it is very sad to note that people are running for oxygen like never before. Regretting that indiscreet felling of trees had resulted in depletion of natural oxygen, he appealed the people to protect and grow oxygen emitting plants at least for the sake of next generation.

The Seer blessed Mysuru APMC President Basavaraj for having sponsored the food packets on the first day.

KR MLA S.A. Ramdas, in his address, lauded the Ashram for launching this big imitative of distributing 3,000 food packets a day.

On the occasion, Sri Ganapathy Swamiji also launched the distribution of 650 Health Kits to Police personnel on COVID duty by handing over the first kit to DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda. Each health kit has general medicines, face masks, sanitisers, Oximeter and other safety wears.

MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Jungle Lodges and Resorts Chairman M. Appanna, KR ACP Poornachandra Tejaswi and others were present.

CII donates Oxygen Concentrator to Mysuru Railway Hospital

Mysuru, May 14-Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mysuru, donated an Oxygen Concentrator to the Divisional Railway Hospital, South Western Railway, Mysuru Division.

Pavan Ranga, Chairman of CII, Mysuru and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Rangsons, LLP., handed over the 10 LPM (Liters Per Minute) Oxygen Concentrator to Rahul Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager, Mysuru.

Dr. G.S. Ramachandra, Chief Medical Superintendent, Divisional Railway Hospital and Thomas John, Divisional Security Commissioner were present on the occasion.

Thanking CII for its moto of charity during the pandemic, Rahul Agarwal also urged other organisations to help in the fight against COVID.

Acharya Mahasabha urges people to face COVID with self-confidence

Mysuru, May 14- The Sants of Acharya Mahasabha have expressed their deep concern over the fast-spreading of the pandemic, despite all efforts on a war-footing by the Governments, organisations and medical fraternity to contain the Coronavirus.

In a virtual meeting of the Acharya Mahasabha on May 11 to discuss the COVID-19 situation, the participating Sants expressed their anguish over the spread of infection faster than the previous wave, and appealed to all concerned to provide medical care to the infected. There is an urgent need for the Governments to take all precautions to prevent further spread of pandemic.

In these times of difficulty, people should conduct themselves responsibly by wearing masks, maintaining distance and sanitising themselves.

People can find a way out by Prayer, Meditation, Yoga and Pranayama under proper guidance.

The media should instill confidence in the people with positivity by pointing out how many have won the battle against COVID by self-confidence, simple medication and obeying the protocols.

The Mahasabha has called for helping each other and assisting the Government in its efforts to control the pandemic.

The meeting was attended by Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Sri Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, Swami Avadeshananda Giriji, Sri Baba Ramdevji, Sri Paramathmananda Saraswathiji, Acharya Krihnamani Maharaj, Sri Geethamanishi Swamiji, Sri Madhwapriya Dasji, Sri Pranav Pandeji, Sri Ramesh Bhai Ojaji and Sri Milam Bommapuram Adhinam Swamiji.

Access denied: Official COVID meetings not open to media

Mysuru, May 14 (RKB&BCT)- While institutions, Governments, elected representatives and companies are all having to adapt to new constraints under the Coronavirus pandemic, they are often using the health crisis as an excuse to restrict journalists' access, proving that information does not circulate well in the age of COVID-19.

Journalists in Mysuru are denied entry to official meetings to combat the pandemic and media is used only when they need publicity and when it suits the powers that be. In doing this, are the authorities trying to cover-up the facts? Do the officials and elected representatives fear that allowing media might shed unfavourable light on the management of the virus by Government or local officials?

This noon, Mysuru District Task Force meeting was called at Zilla Panchayat Hall that was attended by District Minister S.T. Somashekar, MLAs and a battery of officials. Media was accordingly officially invited through the District Information Office. Before the meeting began, journalists including TV journalists had assembled at the ZP Hall.

But soon after the officials and the elected representatives arrived, the media persons were asked to leave the venue as the information is barred to them. Disappointed, the journalists walked out and questioned why they were invited in the first place. "Is the Administration hiding facts? Today the Task Force was supposed to discuss critical aspects like the functioning of War Room, vaccination, deaths and related issues. What are they trying to hide," questioned a journalist.

This move to make decisions "behind closed doors" is not new. Two days back when the Task Force on Narasimharaja Constituency met, the media was denied entry and were asked to wait for more than 2 hours to get a favourable statement from the authorities. These incidents have raised doubts about the way the pandemic is combated and at a time when cooperation of all is sought for a joint fight.

The same authorities seek media attention whenever it suits them and the reporters are expected to report only what they say and not the reality.

Police step up vigil at check-posts, screen vehicles entering Mysuru

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Private vehicle movements must be strictly monitored and patient-carrying vehicles must not be obstructed, he said and asked the Policemen to note down the numbers of vehicles like cars and bikes that are constantly moving in and out of Mysuru. Such vehicles should be mercilessly seized and FIRs must be registered. If any untoward incident happens, higher officers must be alerted immediately, SP Ryshyanth said.

Taking note of old barricades that do not have proper paint coating and reflectors which have been placed at Hunsur Town check-post, the SP told Dy.SP Ravi Prasad that barricades without reflectors will cause accidents as the vehicle driver cannot see the barricades. These must be replaced immediately and new barricades should be erected, he said.

Obituary

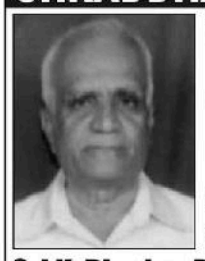
Bhagyamma

Mysuru, May 14- Bhagyamma (61), a retired teacher and a resident of Belawadi, passed away this morning in city. She had retired from service two months ago.

She leaves behind her husband Govindegowda, also a retired teacher, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Gangur in Arakalgud taluk of Hassan district today.

SHRADDHANJALI



We regret to inform the sad demise on 10.05.2021. May his soul rest in peace

Sri K. Dinaker Pai
D.O.B. 22.07.1941 - D.O.D. 10.05.2021
In grief : Wife, Children & Family.

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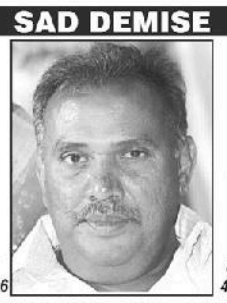

D.O.B: 18/9/1956
D.O.D: 4/5/2021
M. SUBRAMANYA (MANI)
Gokulam, Mysore
—Grieving family and friends

SAD DEMISE

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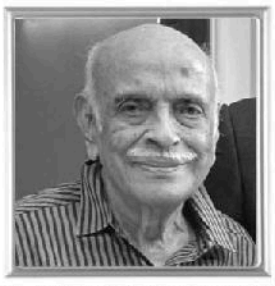

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